Share of duties and taxes in retail selling price of Diesel as on 30-6-06
(at Delhi)

	SI. No.	Particulars of levy	Price (Rs./Litre)
1		Price without Customs Duty, Excise duty and Sales Tax components	22.09
2		Customs Duty @ 7.50% on import parity component included in RTP) (Based on 2nd FN of June 06)	1.57 (5%)
3		Excise Duty (levied @ 8% + Rs.3.25/litre plus 2% education cess)	5.20 (16%)
4		Sales Tax	3.39 (11%)
5		Total of Customs Duty, Excise Duty and Sales Tax components (2+3+4)	10.16 (32%)
6		Retail Selling Price at Delhi (1 +5)	32.25

*Figures in bracket give the components of custom duty, excise duty and sales tax as a % of S.No.6

(c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Refurbishing aircrafts of Indian Airlines

*223. SHRI PRAVIN RASHTRAPAL: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have decided to merge Air India and Indian Airlines for financial viability of the two airlines;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government have recently changed the name of the airlines to INDIAN;

(d) if so, the reasons for change of name of the airlines when the two airlines are going to be merged;and

(e) how much amount has been spent on the change of name and on refurbishing of the aircrafts of INDIAN?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) and (b) The proposal for merger of the two airlines is under active consideration of the Government. Further, the Committee on merger of Air India and Indian Airlines constituted by Air India Board has appointed M/s. Accenture India Private Limited as Consultant.

(c) and (d) No, Sir. The name of the company remains Indian Airlines Limited. The brand name used for publicity/advertising has been changed to Indian. The new branding has only been done on the aircraft livery keeping in mind induction of a newer/more modem fleet of aircraft and increasing competition.

(e) Approximately Rs. 3.25 crores has been spent on re-branding as a part of budgeted advertising/promotion/publicity expenditure which is an ongoing exercise. Further, no additional expenditure is being incurred on the painting of aircraft in the new colours as this is being done only when the aircraft is due for its normal repainting.

Task force on river linking

†*224. SHRI KRISHAN LAL BALMIKI: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Task Force constituted for river linking has been dissolved;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the details of recommendations made by the Task Force?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (PROF. SAIF-UD-DIN SOZ): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Task Force submitted Action Plan I and Action Plan II in April, 2003 and 2004 respectively and thus completed its assigned functions.

(c) Recommendations of Task Force:

(i) Task Force got prepared Terms of Reference (ToR) for preparation of Detailed Project Reports (DPR) through M/s. Engineers India Ltd. (EIL) for providing guidance on norms of appraisal of individual projects.

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.